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SUBJ: DEMARCHE RE PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE

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1. DCM SAW SACADURA CABRAL, HEAD OF FOROFF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT ON JAN 31 AND MADE STRONG PITCH FOR PORTUGUESE SUPPORT ON PRG ISSUE. SACADURA CABRAL WAS COMPLETELY UP TO DATE ON MATTER AND OBVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD AND INDEED, ANTICIPATED, OUR PRESENTATION BASED ON REFTEL.

2. PRINCIPAL CONCERN OF GOP CONTINUES TO BE RELATIONS WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FROM PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN AFRICA. PORTUGUESE LINK PRG PROBLEM WITH POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS FROM LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FROM PORTUGUESE COLONIES. SINCE THESE MOVEMENTS ARE IN HALFWAY POSITION BETWEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND FULL INDEPENDENCE, GOP WISHES TO DO NOTHING THAT WILL HARM ITS FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THEM.

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3. SACADURA CABRAL SAID THAT GOP STILL STUDYING MATTER AND

WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT STRONG US POSITION. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT PORTUGAL WOULD, IF POSSIBLE, LIKE TO SEE ISSUE AVOIDED ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS.

4. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT GOP WILL VOTE IN ANY WAY THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS HOSTILE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN THEIR COLONIES.

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